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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 8:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday, 8:00 am - 6:30 pm, with Reconciliation from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation to encourage lifelong learning for all ages called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email bulletin@olbh.org by noon on Tuesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

Sparks from Fr. Mark

As I mentioned last week in the Sparks column and in the announcements after the Liturgies, we are continuing to develop five new parish commissions and a pastoral council structure. In the coming weeks you will read and hear in more detail, about the structures of theses five commissions. Again, we are hoping to find 6-9 people who will serve on each of the five commissions.

Formation Commission

The Formation Commission coordinates all levels of educational programming in the parish. The role of the Commission is to foster cooperation, coordination and communication among all groups and individuals involved in the education and formation ministries of the parish. The Formation Commission is responsible for coordinating the following:

RCIA
Bible Study
Gatherings of Grace
Life Teen & Edge
Parent Life
Baptismal Preparation
First Communion Preparation
Confirmation Preparation
Marriage Preparation
Annulment Process
Book Discussion Group
Catholic Men's Group
Small Community Study Groups
Library

Goals of the Formation Commission:

1. Encourage all eligible parishioners to participate in the rich faith life of the parish.

2. Promote communication and coordination between the various educational and formational programs of the parish.

3. Communicate to all parishioners the opportunities for education and religious formation.

Fr. Mark

Visio Divina Parish Questionnaire

This past winter and spring I began my doctoral thesis project entitled: *Incorporating Visio Divina into Preaching Preparation*. Part of this project was to use the method of partners in preaching groups to help me reflect on the Sunday Scripture readings and relevant artwork that would be used in five homilies, from February to June 2010. I am asking the parish community of Our Lady of the Black Hills to provide some feedback regarding this experience. The questions were generated from the feedback received from the partners in the preaching groups and other sources.

Last weekend the questionnaire was given out before the Masses. If you were not here last weekend or didn't have a chance fill a questionnaire please take the time fill one out. Your feedback is essential in my Visio Divina thesis project. You will find a questionnaires and pencils on the counter in a gathering area. When finished filling out the questionnaire please put them in the basket on the counter. Again thank you for your input and time.

Ingratitude, Father Mark

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, July 26
Memorial of Sainta Jochim & Ann, parents of Mary
Sirach 44:1, 10-15; Psalms 132:11, 13-14, 17-18; Matthew 13:16-17 (white)
8:00 am: Morning Prayer
4:30 pm: Lumko Group
6:30 pm: Financial Peace University

Tuesday, July 27
Jeremiah 14:17-22; Psalms 79:8-9, 11, 13; Matthew 13:36-43 (green)
8:00 am: Morning Prayer
10:00 am: Staff Holy Hour
7:00 pm: Boy Scout Meeting

Wednesday, July 28
Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Psalms 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Matthew 13:44-46 (green)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Fr. Ed Vanorny's intentions)
8:30 am – 6:30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 am: Noon: Food Pantry
7:00 pm: High School Bible Study

Thursday, July 29
Memorial of St. Martha
Jeremiah 18:1-6; Psalms 146:1b-6b; Luke 10:38-42 or John 11:19-27 (white)
8:00 am: Morning Prayer
10:00 am: Staff Meeting
High School Girls Campout

Friday, July 30
Jeremiah 26:1-9; Psalms 69:5, 8-10, 14; Matthew 13:54-58 (green)

Saturday Morning, July 31
Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest
Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Psalms 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Matthew 14:1-12 (white)
9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Reflection Questions for Next Sunday

Faith helps us set Godly priorities.

Children: What is the most important thing in your life?

Youth: It is easy to get self-centered and greedy. What do you have in your life that is unnecessary? In your life, what keeps you close to God? What distracts you from your relationship with God?

Adults: What wisdom do you pull out of this reading to help you set priorities in your life?

Saturday Evening, July 31
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21 (green)
5:00 pm: Saturday Evening Liturgy (Intention: Fr. Tyler Dennis' intentions)

Sunday, August 1
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21 (green)
9:00 am: Sunday Morning Liturgy (Intention: Fr. Tyler Dennis' intentions)
10:00 am: Coffee Hour – Hosted by the Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm: Sunday Evening Liturgy (Intention: Fr. Kerry Prendiville's intentions)

Intercessory Prayers
Life and Health Concerns:
Joe Creek, Marianne Lee, Nell McNulty, Msgr. William O'Connell, Blake Robison & Teresa Thompson

Repose:
Emma Bradford, Kevin Collins & Rhonda Nickerson

Collection Report
July 17th & 18th

Loose	$2518.00
Envelopes	1426.00
Votive	3.00
Student	76.25
Adopt a Seminarian	70.00
Mass Intentions	10.00
Other	87.50
Total	**$4190.75**

Ministry Schedule

July 31 & August 1	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Cecilia Keller		
Altar Servers	Elijah Ehresmann Hannah Ehresmann Dawson Rhodes	Armando Montes Ariana Montes Marisa Montes	Kevin Chamberlain Chris Van Asma Matthew Van Asma
Precious Body - Precious Blood	**Walt Wilson** Kathy Van Asma Ken Van Asma Jayme Hunt Reggie Hunt	**Walt Wilson** Larry Williamson Joyce Williamson Christine Didriksen Pat Suiter	**Michelle Bucholz** Tom Van Asma Betsy Van Asma Phillip Thompson Sharon Long
Lectors	Steve Colgan Sue Colgan	Judy Wilson Marty Quinn	John Usera Bernadette Usera
Sacristans	Patty & Charlie Cresalia	Donna & Frank Boner	The Blauvelt Family
Ushers	Diane Norman Joe Norman	Mike Keller Joan Wilson	Kevin Rohrbach Don Everson

OLBH Parish News

We Walk By Faith – Parish Progress

Over the past ten weeks, parishioners have been given the opportunity to be part of an historic undertaking by the Catholic Church in western South Dakota. The *We Walk By Faith Special Appeal* will benefit college students and parishes and families from throughout the diocese. Members of our parish have pledged $203,290.00 over the next 5 years, toward our parish goal of $300,000.00. We have meet 68% of our parish goal. Please consider prayerfully the benefits your pledge will have, not only for our own parish at OLBH, but for the wider diocesan community. If you have, any further questions, please contact Fr. Mark at 787-5168 or mark.mccormick@olbh.org.

Did You Know …
The chapel at *Terra Sancta*

The fan-shaped chapel gathers worshipers close to the altar made of travertine marble, bringing focus to the Eucharist. Wood beams on the roof taper upward in the shape of praying hands. Carved from linden wood, the corpus above the altar is covered with silver sheeting. Opposite the altar, the façade window portrays the sacrifices of St. Martin and of Christ. The chapel at *Terra Sancta* is a place where all can experience oneness with Christ and feel the love of God.

Parish workday on the Grotto

Come join the parish community on Saturday, August 7th beginning at 7:00 am, to work in the prayer garden and grotto area. We will be placing landscaping fabric and laying rock over the top of the fabric at both ends of the culvert. I hope that with enough people helping we could be done by noon. For more information, please contact Fr. Mark.

For the Ride Home

By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it." (Genesis 18:32)
- When I called you answered me; (Psalm 138:3)
- You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him… (Colossians 2:12)
- ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds… (Luke 11:9,10)

Reflection

- What is your deepest desire? What do you pray for?
- If you could change one thing about your life, what would it be?
- What does it mean to rise with Christ?
- If you were to ask God to open any door for you, what would be on the other side? What keeps you from asking to open that door?

"Riches mean nothing to us any longer. Our days are too empty of meaning. We suffocate, in rhetoric and boredom. The time has come to cry out the Gospel, by means of our lives. Francis, think of us. Do not abandon us. Ask the Lord whether he wishes to have from us women as well, a pledge to leave all things to live in the poverty of the Gospel and the charity of Jesus." (Clare speaking to Francis)[1]

[1]Carretto, Carlo, *I, Francis*, Orbis: New York, 2004, P. 36.

From the Diocesan Social Justice Commission

It is frequently asserted that contraception, if made safe and available to all, is the most effective remedy against abortion… But despite their differences…contraception and abortion are often closely connected, as fruits of the same tree…The close connection which exists, in mentality, between the practice of contraception and that of abortion is becoming increasingly obvious. It is being demonstrated in an alarming way by the development of chemical products, intrauterine devices and vaccines which, distributed with the same ease as contraceptives, really act as abortifacients in the very early stages of the development of the life of the new human being.

Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life) - Pope John Paul II, October 2004, par. 13.

July 26th is the 42nd anniversary of the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. To read the encyclical, go to www.Vatican.va and search. For more on Natural Family Planning, see http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp. Check the RC Diocesan website for local NFP seminars (http://rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm).

Diocesan News

Father Ron Garry Invites You

Construction is completed on the new church building for St. Aloysius Parish in Bullhead. Fr. Garry would like to invite you to the Dedication Mass on Monday, August 9 at 5:00 p.m. CDT (4:00 p.m. MDT).

Mass and Lunch with Bishop Cupich

Mass and lunch with Bishop Cupich will be held on Friday, August 13. Mass begins at 11:15 a.m. in the Cathedral. Lunch will be served in the church hall after Mass and will conclude with remarks from the bishop.

Christian Family Planning Seminar

Offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on **Saturday, August 14, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at Blessed Sacrament in Rapid City.** ***This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City.*** Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Farewell for Bishop Cupich

Bishop Cupich will celebrate Mass on the Feast of the Assumption, Sunday, August 15, at 5:30 pm, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City. A farewell reception will follow in the Cathedral hall.

Farewell Mass Choir

Bishop Cupich is celebrating Mass on Sunday, August 15, at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral. Choir members are needed to sing at the Mass. Rehearsals will be held in the Cathedral choir loft on Wednesday, August 11, at 6:15 p.m. and on Saturday, August 14, at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Katie Severns at the Cathedral at 342.0507.

Installation of Bishop Cupich in Spokane

Some from the diocese have expressed a wish to attend the installation of Bishop Cupich in Spokane, which is scheduled for **September 2 and 3**. For details about the installation, please contact Teresa Spiess at the chancery office at 343.3541 or tspiess@diorc.org no later than July 19.

Plan now to recover from a hectic summer!

Calling all married couples looking for a weekend away from the many distractions of the world. Consider attending the next **World Wide Marriage Encounter** weekend to be held at **Broomtree Retreat Center, Irene, SD**, **September 10-12, 2010.** Contact Curt and Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 to register or answer any questions. Space is limited. **A Weekend of Discovery… A Lifetime of Love!**

Connecting Catholic Families with the Bible

Workshop will be September 12th. Rapid City, Cathedral Hall from 9:00 am - 3:15 pm, for coordinators of Youth Ministry, Pastors, DRE's, Coordinators of Intergenerational Faith Formation. Cost: $49. The Center for Ministry Development provides the workshop, lunch and materials. The registration form is at the diocesan website in the youth section at www.rapidcitydiocese.org or for more information go to www.cmdnet.org/bibleworkshop.

Middle School Rally

October 10th, 2010 at Belle Fourche, Community Center from 8:30 am - 5:30 pm. Keynote Speakers: Doug Tooke and David Casey. MC: Fr. Mark McCormick. Cost: $25 by Sept. 24th, $35 after Sept. 24th. Theme: One God 4 All. Contact: Pat Roe or Heather Draine at 723-0972, or hdraine@rushmore.com or pat.roe@st-bh.com.

The Annual Diocesan Women's Retreat

Ladies, save this date! October 22-24, 2010. The retreat will be directed by Fr. Kerry Prendiville and held at Outlaw Ranch, Custer, SD. Watch your bulletin for more information or call Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

"Theology of the Body for Teens" Workshop with Author Brian Butler on October 30th.

Rapid City, Cathedral Hall from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Cost $45. For youth ministers, teachers, DRE's, priests and religious, counselors, parents, and anyone who works with youth. Lunch, leader's guide and handouts provided. Contacts: Provatia Pietila 343-3541 or Mary Casey 343-8484.

High School Rally/Retreat Day

Dec. 12th. Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City. MC: Ennie Hickman. Cost: $25. Includes lunch, t-shirt and snacks. Contact: Jenny Phillipe at 342-3336 or Provatia Pietila at 343-3541.

World Youth Day – Space very limited, registration to close soon!

August 9-22, 2011. Cost: $2100. Deposits of $250 due with application. This spiritual and rustic pilgrimage is open to those who are 18 by August 9, 2011 through 35 years of age. Space is limited to the first 40 accepted applicants. Travel through Burgos, Avila, Toledo, Madrid and more. Contact Provatia Pietila 343-3541. Application and information is online at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.